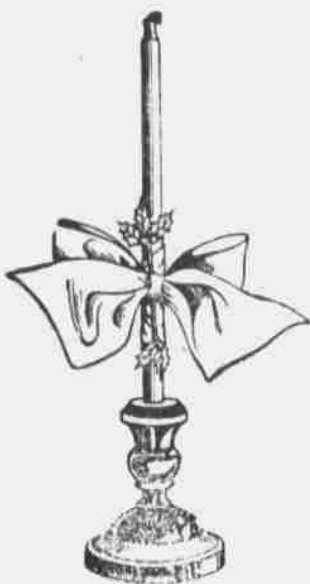


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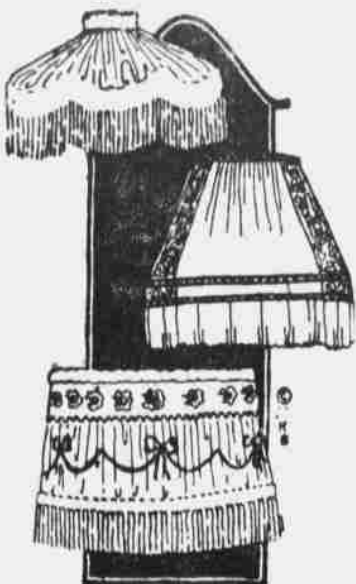
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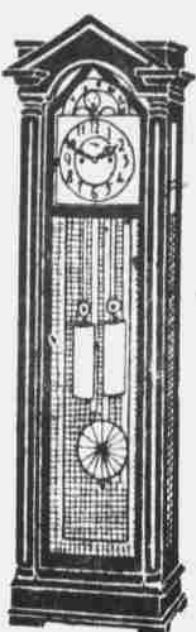
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George Frederick, Who Foresaw Prussian Fall, Overjoyed at France's Redemption—Waited for Years.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 10.—Life has rounded out to a satisfying fullness for George Frederick Pettit.

He has lived to the day for which he had hoped and prayed, the day of France's redemption.

For 60 odd years he had expected the day. Not to expect it was to believe the laws of right are not as they are. Always he felt it would come in his generation. But there was the fear that it might not be here when it came. And not to be here was for him to live and life proved the day was approaching.

On the stoop of his little farmhouse in Redford township he sat one afternoon in August, 1914, while a stranger

told him of the German madness. The stranger was a reporter and wanted to know what Pettit, a veteran of France's war with Prussia, thought of it.

Pettit's eyes glowed with the news. At first he had received it with dismay. It could not be Germany would not date.

But Pettit finally believed. His wrinkled hand grasped the hand of his little wife, also a veteran, not of battle, but of a sweetheart's worries for her soldier at war.

"The cycle," she whispered, and Pettit in quiet, pleasant tones interpreted the wife's comment.

"The cycle, yes, truly, and time it came."

For Pettit believed in cycles, but only since his much remembered epochal Franco-Prussian campaign. Its end, he always thought, must react in history.

And then he talked, and as it turned out, with a touch of prophecy.

"It was bound to come," he said. "It could not be otherwise. France must win or die. But she will win this time. She is richer now and has better men. But she needs better generals than we had, good generals like Napoleon. Has she good generals? I don't know."

"It will be a terrible war. The country that loses is ruined. If it lasts three months, it will last three years. Before it ends great things will happen to other countries. And no matter who wins, France will suffer terribly."

Monday the same reporter visited Pettit again. The glow was in his eyes as then and there was more than pleasant.

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"Is it not as I said four years ago?" he queried. "France has suffered terribly, but she has won. And Germany has lost and is ruined. It has been more than three years and a terrible war, making things have happened to the world, and France has new Napoleons—Foch, Joffre, Pétain, Nivelle, Mangin—he enumerated them proudly, like a father counting his children."

Pettit's memories of the Franco-Prussian war were bitter, if vivid ones. He was a soldier long before it, had come from a family of soldiers.

Pettit, a member of the Sixteenth dragoon, rushed to the front in time to take part in the first battle, the rout of Farschweiler, where 35,000 French fought to stem the onrush of 140,000 Prussians.

Then began for Pettit the long retreat across France, to Faversin, the vain attempt to relieve Metz, where Bazaine and 90,000 men awaited the day of their ignominious surrender.

Chateau-sur-Marne, and another defeat, and to Sedan in time for the great battle. Here Pettit's regiment won an imperishable place in French military history by making 17 charges in three days of fighting.

Then the continued retreat to Metz, St. Quentin, Cambrai, Douai, Lille to the Belgian border, where the regiment refused safety at the price of internment, back to Paris, where they were refused admission because

of plague and impending starvation, halted it.

Of the 750 men in Pettit's regiment but 85 were left. He was the only one unscathed.

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READERS' INTERESTS

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 10.—Draft evaders will not be absolved from criminal prosecution by the federal government because of the conclusion of the war, Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder yesterday informed Maj. John C. Townes, Jr., in charge of the select jury at Dallas, according to information reaching Dallas. Gen. Crowder informed Maj. Townes that the select jury members have been instructed to proceed against alleged selective service slackers wherever they are apprehended. Statutes available now for the first time show that in Texas alone 215,000 persons are shown as delinquents or deserters by the report of the selective service department. Many of them fled to Mexico where numbers are Mexican.

Under the draft regulations men are supposed to be sent to army camps where they are registered. But in local draft boards, but army camps are being abandoned for mobilization purposes and the army is to be demobilized. As a result the delinquent, as well as the deserter, becomes liable for punishment.

Telegram on Slackers.
The telegram from the provost marshal to Maj. Townes reads as follows: "Persons who failed to register, who departed from the United States subsequent to registration days, and who have now returned, should be prosecuted by United States attorneys. The attorney-general has instructed all United States attorneys heretofore to prosecute vigorously all cases of failure to register and to seek maximum sentences. Persons convicted of failure to register shall still be disposed of in accordance with section 65. Those who have been inducted on delinquent orders of state adjutant-general should be disposed of in accordance with section 141 in connection with section 135. Persons who have become delinquent, but who have not been inducted on delinquent orders, should be turned over to the department of justice for prosecution."

Several delinquents and deserters, it is understood, have reported to their local draft boards since peace was declared. Their status is now fixed by the provost marshal wire, which was in reply to a telegraphic inquiry by Maj. Townes, asking for a ruling as to these returned men.

Decisions Made by Baker.
The secretary of war has decided that it will not be necessary to continue the organization of selective service boards in connection with demobilization of the army. Gen. Crowder informed Maj. Townes that the boards have been discontinued.

"This clears the atmosphere and makes it possible to proceed at once with the preparation of orders for closing the army," Gen. Crowder wired. "Detailed instructions will be communicated in the near future. Meantime list the boards that have not yet completed the 19 to 35 and 18-year-old groups and call upon them to report by wire as to earliest date when such classification can be completed, also instruct all boards which have not yet forwarded their annual reports heretofore called for, to do so at once."

"I very much desire that the selective service boards will give the nation an example of efficiency in closing up administration as great as has characterized their past performances."

In accordance with the above instructions Maj. Townes has sent the following order to all local boards in the state:

Orders to Local Boards.
"I have just received a telegram from Gen. Crowder stating that the secretary of war has decided that it will not be necessary to use the organization of the selective service boards in connection with demobilization of the army. The boards have been discontinued. The only boards which have not yet completed the classification of the 19 to 35 and 18-year-old groups, please report to this office by wire immediately, indicating when such classification can be completed."

Gen. Crowder's annual report heretofore called for, please do so at once. "The work in Texas can be entirely completed in a very little while, provided each member of the draft organization throughout the state puts forth the best of his or her efforts."

Must Ask for Discharges.
In response to an inquiry made by Knox Finley, chairman of the east Dallas exemption board, regarding the present status of the boards with demobilization of the army, and how the men would be discharged, Maj. Townes, by direction of the provost marshal, gave the following instructions in a communication received yesterday:

"If a business firm has a position vacant for a soldier, the firm should write the soldier to that effect so that he can present the letter together with the application for discharge to the officer in command of his company. In doing so, I am not in position to say what will be done with the references to the granting of a particular discharge, but at this time the procedure as outlined above is the correct one."

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JAPANESE LACQUERED TEA TRAYS, size 10x17 inches, handsomely lacquered and decorated in unique Oriental designs, special \$1.49

Electric Toasters \$5.95
Universal Electric Toaster, a handy thing for use at the table in getting up a quick meal; makes the most delicious toast in "less than no time;" heavily nickel-plated; complete with cord and plug, \$5.95 each.

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An Electric Iron is something that most any woman will be glad to get this Christmas and here is your chance to buy them at a considerable saving. Choice of most high-grade makes; regular \$6.50 value for \$4.95 each.

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NEGRO BAPTISTS TO RAISE BIG FUND

Will Launch Campaign for \$500,000 for Colleges in Texas.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 10.—The General Missionary Negro Baptist convention of Texas, in session at the Mount Rose Baptist church, Crowder and Reynolds streets, will raise half a million dollars for four negro colleges in Texas. The colleges are Boyd's college, St. John college at Austin, Central Texas college at Waco, and Guadalupe college of Seguin. The money will be divided equally among the four institutions.

The convention yesterday passed resolutions commending President Wilson for his efforts in securing justice to all races, and appropriating \$1,000 for the comfort of the negro soldiers now in the United States army.

In welcoming the convention to the city, Mayor Joe E. Lawther said, among other things: "We are glad to have you here for what you are and for what you represent. Among the best citizens of this city are the colored taxpayers, whose integrity and honesty have been marked. They have responded to every call made upon them. I have always accorded the colored people their rights, and I am glad to welcome you."

At the request of Mayor Lawther, Prof. H. B. Johnson directed his choir of 40 voices in singing several melodies. The first of the songs were "Every Time I Feel the Spirit Moving in My Heart," "Soon Will Be Done With the Troubles of the World," "Standing in the Need of Prayer."

In his sermon last night the Rev. B. F. Parks, of Victoria, declared that the negro women had done all that was in their power to crush militarism. In Austin, Beaumont, Dallas, Victoria and elsewhere they had for the period of

FOUND WAY OUT.
At a certain Welsh railway station which, in the name of "Llan-fallwyllyn"—and about two yards more of it—a new porter was engaged. He was only an Englishman, but meant to do his duty.

The first train came in. He tackled the name of the station, but fell miserably to pronounce more than about the first inch.

But he was a man of brains. Running along the platform he pointed to the board which bore the lengthy name, and yelled out:

"If that's anybody there for here, this is it!"

WE KNOW HIM, TOO.
A stranger arrived one day in a busy provincial town and gazed around with certainty. Presently he spotted a man who appeared to be a native.

"Excuse me," he said, "but are you a resident of this town?"

"I am," rejoined the other. "What can I do for you?"

"I am seeking a criminal lawyer," replied the stranger. "I wonder if you could direct me to one?"

"I believe I can," answered the native. "But, mind you, we've never actually proved it against him."

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Zellner's, in reduced prices, gives the whole of this saving to each customer.

Increased sales of 160 per cent tell the story.

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HAILED AS PROPHET; NUMBERS TOLD TALE

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Dec. 9.—Since the signing of the armistice, Lieut.-Commander J. D. Doyle, executive secretary of the navy relief society here, has been receiving great bundles of letters daily, praising him as a seer of unprecedented accuracy.

Last July Lieut.-Commander Doyle prophesied that the war would end in 1918 and cited a long list of figures to back it up. In the compilation, the dates of the births of the eight rulers of the leading nations were given.

He became the heads of their governments the number of years they were in power, and their ages, were added and in each case the total was 2,336. This number divided by two gives 1,168. Lieut. Doyle said that this was the date of being a prophet, stating that the amazing information was sent him in an anonymous letter.

And besides, the same figures applied to anyone in the same manner being the same results.

Redeem Your Pledge.
Pay up on W. S. S. and order your Xmas cigars from Samson's today, adv.

DETAILED TO HEAD Navigation Board

Capt. Victor Blue, now in command of the U. S. superdreadnought Texas, has been chosen for detail as chief of the bureau of navigation. He is to be given the rank of rear admiral. He was chief of the bureau for four years previous to August, 1918. He was then assigned to duty at sea. Blue's nomination has gone to the senate. The nomination of Head Admiral David Taylor for detail as chief constructor of the navy was sent to the senate at the same time.

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